

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Hart et al

**Application No.:** 10/549,245

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**For:** INSERTION PART FOR INSERTING  
INTO A GAS OR LIQUID LINE

**Group:** 3753

**Examiner:** Ramesh Krishnamurthy

**Our File:** SMB-PT158  
(PC 03 560 B US)  
**Date:** August 2, 2007

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2007 [Paper No. 20070329] and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: